

MANCHURIA IS RUSSIAN

Foreigners Forbidden to Remain in the Province.

MAY RETURN IN SIX YEARS

Chinese Editor and Reformer Beaten to Death in Order to Terrify Other Reformers—Russia Preparing to Fortify Ports.

Berlin, Aug. 3.—A dispatch from St. Petersburg to the Cologne Gazette says the Russian authorities are reported to have notified the government at Peking that Russia will prohibit foreigners from staying in Manchuria at present, but that six years hence, when Russia has restored quiet and order in Manchuria, the country will be opened to foreigners for free commerce.

CHINESE REFORMER SLAIN.

Most Horrible Incident Since the Massacre Three Years Ago.

Peking, Aug. 3.—Shen Chien, a native editor and reformer, has been officially killed. The official report announced that Chien was beheaded, but it has become known that this is false and that the condemned man was beaten to death in accordance with special instructions issued by the dowager empress, who desired to make an example of the journalist with which to terrify other reformers. The incident is asserted to be the most horrible that has occurred in China since the massacre of 1900.

The victim was beaten with bamboo rods for two hours, the flesh on his back, arms and legs being torn to ribbons. After life apparently had become extinct the executioners, fearing that Chien merely had fainted and might revive, twisted a rope tightly around his neck and left the body in this condition until morning.

The evidence at the trial was so weak that Chien probably would have been acquitted had he not boldly proclaimed his principles throughout and his willingness to die for them. He frankly admitted the charge that he had attempted to organize a rebellion in Hankow in 1900 and boasted he always had advocated the assassination of the Manchus in order to rid the country of the dynasty.

Chien was thirty years of age and had many friends among the foreign residents of the city, who describe him as an educated, high minded man. The affair has created intense feeling in the foreign community and a strong sentiment against surrendering the Shanghai reformers to Chinese jurisdiction.

Russia to Fortify Ports.

Peking, Aug. 3.—Advices from Port Arthur say the Russian government as a result of the recommendations made by the recent conference there has appropriated \$5,000,000 for additional fortifications, particularly for the protection of Dalgai, and that when completed there will be a continuous line of fortifications from Port Arthur to Dalgai, thirty-five miles along the coast. Two thousand soldiers from Moscow have arrived in Port Arthur, and 14,000 more are reported to be on their way there.

Viceroy Importing Arms.

Peking, Aug. 3.—Yuan Shih Kai, the viceroy of Chihli province, is said to be placing large orders for arms in anticipation of the expiration of the prohibition of their importation into China, which is set for this month. He has ordered from Japan 23,000 rifles and forty-eight fieldpieces and from Germany several machine guns.

King and Queen Leave Ireland.

Queenstown, Aug. 3.—The royal visit to Ireland has been brought to a successful close. The king and queen are both enchanted with the tour, which it is admitted on all hands, has achieved more toward the settlement of the existing Irish grievances than legislation could hope to accomplish. When their majesties re-embarked on the royal yacht for Cowes the strains of "Come Back to Erin" mingled with the salute of guns.

Bad Wreck on the D. and H.

Plattsburgh, N. Y., Aug. 3.—One of the worst freight wrecks in years in northern New York has occurred at Coopersville, between this city and Rouse's Point, N. Y., on the Delaware and Hudson railroad. A freight train plunged at full speed through an open draw, killing the fireman, Ed Braw, and seriously injuring Homer Elliott, the engineer, both of Whitehall, N. Y.

Bride and Mother Killed.

Ogdensburg, N. Y., Aug. 3.—Mrs. Henry McDermont and her daughter Nellie were caught on the girder bridge over the Oswegatchie river here and instantly killed by an incoming New York Central passenger train. They were walking across the bridge to the berry fields. The daughter was to have been married in a few days.

Golden Star Not in Trouble.

Newark, N. J., Aug. 3.—The Rev. Samuel P. Lacey, supreme secretary of the Knights and Ladies of the Golden Star, denies emphatically the published story that the order was embarrassed financially.

Burglars Loot Post Office.

Southwest Harbor, Me., Aug. 3.—The local post office has been entered by professional burglars and the safe blown open and robbed of about \$800, equally divided between cash and stamps.

JETT AND WHITE ON TRIAL

Kentucky Feud Case Continued. With No End in Sight.

Cynthiana, Ky., Aug. 3.—The second trial of Curtis Jett and Thomas White for the murder of J. B. Marenum has been continued one week, and the prosecution is still enlisting witnesses. Commonwealth's Attorney Byrd has surprised all in securing the batch of persons from Breathitt county who, it was thought, never would testify against either of the defendants. Among the witnesses who fled to the mountains during the trial at Jackson was Henry Freeman, and he was held in confinement here several days until he agreed to testify. He was on the stand again for the third time and told how Jett and White came to his saloon for whiskey on the night after Marenum was shot and talked freely about "the dog that had been killed." Freeman testified that while they were drinking White said, "I had to get ahead of him some way, and I did it the best way I could."

Mrs. Combs corroborated Mrs. Johnston in saying that Jett had told her that Mrs. Johnston asked him who killed her brother, and his reply was, "Yes, I killed your brother." There is no prediction as to when the trial will end, as the defense is now hunting up witnesses everywhere in Breathitt county.

Goodloe Combs, one of the witnesses for the prosecution in the case, has died here of appendicitis. He was one of the most expert rifle and pistol shots in the mountains of eastern Kentucky. He was sentenced for life for killing Mr. Rose at Clay City, but was pardoned after serving some years.

INSURANCE COMPANIES PROTEST.

Do Not Like Wisconsin Decision Concerning Distribution of Surplus.

New York, Aug. 3.—Vice President Gage E. Tarbell of the Equitable Life Assurance society says that an appeal to the courts would be made from the decision of Insurance Commissioner Host of Wisconsin that mutual life insurance companies doing business in Wisconsin must distribute their surplus among policy holders at least once in five years.

Mr. Tarbell said: "The decision is viewed as wholly unsound and at variance with all judicial expression and with expert life insurance opinion. The question will of course be taken to the courts, which are after all the only medium through which a satisfactory construction as to the meaning of a statute can be sought. The effect of the decision, if sustained, would be that all companies would be compelled to write their policies so that dividends should be paid either annually or quinquennially, notwithstanding the preferences of the policy holders for some other mode of distribution and the provisions of the companies' policies. The decision affects all companies alike and if sustained will cause them to change the practice in that state that they have followed since 1870."

Vanderbilt Hospital Open.

Newport, R. I., Aug. 3.—The trustees of the Newport hospital have received from Mrs. Vanderbilt a formal transfer by letter of the \$250,000 ward which she has caused to be erected upon the hospital grounds as a memorial to her husband, the late Cornelius Vanderbilt. Accompanying the transfer was notice of a generous endowment of the building, the amount of which the officials are not privileged to make public. The ward is for the needy poor without patient, maternity and children departments and rooms for those who can only pay a nominal sum for treatment.

Three Killed in a Freight Car.

Philadelphia, Aug. 3.—Three unknown men have been found dead in a Pennsylvania railroad gondola car loaded with lumber. The lumber was loaded on the car in two piles, one pile at each end of the car. The three men were lying in the open space between the lumber, and the theory of the railroad men is that the lumber came together while the train was on a steep grade. The bodies were so badly crushed that they are practically unrecognizable. The men had been dead about four days. There was nothing found on the bodies to identify the victims.

Million Dollar Bankruptcy Alleged.

Knoxville, Tenn., Aug. 3.—A bankruptcy petition has been filed against the Southern Car and Foundry company of Lenoir City and Memphis, Tenn., and Gadsden and Anniston, Ala., by the Ross Meehan Foundry company in Chattanooga. It alleges an indebtedness of \$2,000,000 and assets of \$1,000,000. It seeks to have the receivership of O. L. Hurlburt of Chattanooga made permanent and to take the original case out of the New Jersey federal courts.

Fierce Fight With Escaped Convicts.

Folsom, Cal., Aug. 3.—Sheriff Bosquit of El Dorado county and a posse came upon five of the band of convicts who escaped from Folsom prison in a thick brush seven miles from Placerville. The officers opened fire, and a battle ensued. The report says that three officers were killed and one wounded. Two convicts were wounded, but all escaped in the brush.

No Aftermath of Oregon Horror.

Portland, Ore., Aug. 3.—No additional deaths have been reported as a result of the collapse of the Morrison street bridge, when more than 100 people were precipitated into the river. About fifty people received slight injuries.

Oregon Town Destroyed.

Albany, Ore., Aug. 3.—The town of Halsey, fifteen miles from here, has been almost entirely destroyed by fire. The loss is \$70,000, with very little insurance.

KING VISITS OUR SHIPS

Portuguese Sovereign on Board the European Squadron.

HAS LUNCH WITH COTTON.

American Admiral Thanks Guest For Cordial Reception Tendered Our Vessels—King Calls Us "That Most Powerful Nation."

Lisbon, Aug. 3.—King Charles, in the uniform of an admiral; the Prince Royal Luis Philippe, the young Prince Don Manuel and Premier Ribeiro have paid a visit to the American squadron. They were accompanied by the dignitaries of the royal palace and the officials of the ministry of marine. Every honor was accorded to the royal and state barges as they moved out of the Tagus, both the American and Portuguese men-of-war, which were gayly dressed for the occasion, firing salutes. As the barges neared the flagship Brooklyn the band aboard played the national anthem of Portugal.

The royal personages were received at the head of the ladder by Admiral Cotton, who was surrounded by his chief of staff, the commanders of the other ships and United States Minister Bryan. Files of sailors manned the gangway. The king and his entourage made a tour of the Brooklyn. The king made a complete examination of the equipment, guns and armor of the ship, his conversation on this subject with Admiral Cotton being very interesting and cordial. The visit ended after a luncheon at which champagne was served.

Cotton Thanks the King.

In his remarks at the luncheon Admiral Cotton said he desired to thank his majesty for the honor of his visit and that he desired to profit by the occasion to express his great appreciation of the amiability and extreme cordiality of the reception tendered to the squadron not only by the king, but by all the people of Lisbon as well. He proposed a toast to the king, queen and the royal family of Portugal.

The king in replying said he congratulated himself that he had had the opportunity to visit the American squadron. The cordial manner in which he had been received put upon him a pleasant obligation, that of thanking President Roosevelt for the pleasure he felt at having made the acquaintance of Admiral Cotton. He would therefore, he declared, send a telegram to President Roosevelt in which he would also thank him for the proof of American good will shown by the visit of the squadron.

The king proposed a toast to President Roosevelt as first magistrate of the United States, saying that to drink to the prosperity of that most powerful nation. The announcement by the king that he would send a cablegram to President Roosevelt was greeted with cheers.

"Calamity Jane" Dead.

Deadwood, S. D., Aug. 3.—The noted female character, "Calamity Jane," who has been known on the western frontier since 1870, has died at Terry, eight miles from Deadwood. She requested that she be buried at Deadwood beside "Wild Bill" Hickok, who was murdered here in 1876. "Calamity Jane's" real name was Mrs. Jane Burke, and her last husband, much younger than she, is said to be in Denver. A married daughter is in North Dakota, but the woman refused to give her address and referred to an estrangement.

Engineer Scalded to Death.

Ogdensburg, N. Y., Aug. 3.—While Engineer William Swan was operating a purifier valve on the big boiler at Nash Bros' machine shops here a connection pipe burst under the heavy pressure, and Swan was struck in the face by escaping steam and water and thrown to the floor blinded. The boiler emptied itself, boiling water standing six inches deep on the floor, through which the injured engineer crawled until finally he succeeded in dragging himself to the engine room. He lingered for three hours.

Memorial University's New President.

Marion City, Ia., Aug. 3.—Frederick Denning Tucker of the University of Minnesota has been chosen president of the Memorial University of Sons of Veterans, which is located at this place and is maintained by the Sons of Veterans. As it has the promise of large gifts from Major General Grenville M. Dodge of New York, ex-Governor F. M. Drake of Iowa and others, the institution will start on its second year's work with greatly increased capacity.

Another Lynching Averted.

Larned, Kan., Aug. 3.—R. B. Williams, a negro tailor of this place, shot and instantly killed Clyde Langdon, a young white man; in a quarrel over a suit of clothes. The negro was arrested. A mob then formed and proceeded to the jail to lynch the prisoner, when it was found that Sheriff McCoy had spirited his prisoner away on an east bound Santa Fe train.

Cuban Revolt a Myth.

Washington, Aug. 3.—A cablegram has been received at the state department from United States Minister Squiers at Havana stating in substance that the reports of imminent rebellion in Santiago province, based on unsatisfied demands for back pay by veterans of the war with Spain, have no foundation, for there has been no overt act committed, and dissatisfaction has been expressed by only a few people.

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PAYNE BACK AT WORK.

Postmaster General Takes Personal Charge of the Investigation.

Washington, Aug. 3.—Postmaster General Payne has resumed his official duties at the department. He has had long conferences with his assistants and for several hours talked over the investigation with Fourth Assistant Postmaster General Bristow. The latter reviewed everything that has been done during Mr. Payne's absence. The postmaster general shows that his trip has greatly benefited him, and he says he feels very much improved. Mr. Payne stated that it could not by any means be said that the investigation was ended, although he hoped that the end was in sight. He said it might be completed in four weeks, but it was impossible to fix any exact date. He said the president, in with himself and Fourth Assistant Postmaster General Bristow, will be glad when the investigation is over, but that none of them wants the inquiry closed until every irregularity has been ferreted out.

Mr. Payne pointed out that inspectors are working on the cases in various parts of the country, and developments not now foreseen may occur at any time. Mr. Payne declared that every one against whom any evidence has been found will be treated according to the evidence and that no one will be shielded by the department.

Another Postal Scandal.

Ironton, O., Aug. 3.—Assistant Postmaster M. W. Abele, arrested on a charge of embezzling government funds, has given bond for his appearance Aug. 11 before Commissioner Thompson. Abele says he will be able to prove his innocence.

BEATEN BY THE CANUCKS.

Seawanhaka Cup Again Successfully Defended by Our Neighbors.

Montreal, Aug. 3.—The Kolitoos, the Yankee challenger for the Seawanhaka challenge cup, was again decisively beaten by the Thorella, the defender of the Royal St. Lawrence Yacht club, in the third race. The cup is retained by the Canadian club, which has held and defended it since 1895.

The Royal St. Lawrence Yacht club has received a challenge for the cup from the Royal Portsmouth Corinthian Yacht club. Mr. Higginson, owner of the Kolitoos, says the Manchester (Mass.) Yacht club will challenge again. He has no excuses for the work of the Kolitoos. The White Bear Yacht club of St. Paul will also challenge for the Seawanhaka cup.

American Pork in Germany.

Berlin, Aug. 3.—The question is now in connection with the new meat law as to whether American pork must be accompanied by the certificate of microscopic inspection made by the specialists of the American government according to the terms of the agreement of Sept. 3, 1891. Some German inspection officers have interpreted the new law as abolishing these certificates, because in any case the meat must be inspected in Germany. Chancellor von Bulow, however, has just decided that these inspection certificates must accompany American pork, he ruling that the new law does not affect the agreement of 1891.

Loose Gun Buying Guna.

Washington, Aug. 3.—The ordnance bureau of the war department has awarded a contract for fifteen disappearing gun carriages to the Beltrick & Harvey company of Baltimore at \$10,871 each and five disappearing gun carriages to the Mansfield Engineering company of Mansfield, O., at \$10,276 each. The bureau under the decision reached setting apart additional funds for field artillery for the militia has decided to construct thirty-two guns, the guns to be built at the Watervliet arsenal and the carriages at the Rock Island arsenal.

Yellow Fever Ship Detained.

New York, Aug. 3.—The Booth line steamer Basil, from Para and Barbados, is detained at quarantine for disinfection, four members of the crew having died of yellow fever on the voyage from Para to Barbados.

Wife Killed by Accident.

Nyack, N. Y., Aug. 3.—While Policeman Garcia of Spring Valley was cleaning his revolver it was discharged, the bullet striking his wife in the leg, severing the femoral artery. She bled to death in twenty minutes.

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